

Elementary Dance Curriculum Endorsement: A Closer Look

Dance Competencies to be developed over the next 3 years

- Can take large groups of children into the dance room, accompany them with drumming and lead them in developmentally appropriate dance lessons.
- Know the K-6 core curriculum in dance and be able to develop lessons sequentially and developmentally to teach that material to the students.
- Can manipulate space, time and energy to create dances.
- Understands spatial concepts, i.e. pathways, level change and axial vs. locomotor movement etc.
- Understands elements of timing, and can discuss and express quality of movement.
- Has been exposed to cultural dance and knows the value of dance in world history and in building communities and developing individuals.
- Knows how to safely train the body as an instrument.
- Creates performance opportunity for students to perform for each other or for parents.
- Understand music, rhythm and beat to provide accompaniment and appropriate music choices to support the dance.
- Can evaluate and assess student achievement and effectively use reflective practice
- Integrate dance into the teaching of other core curriculum subjects.
- Gain a basic understanding of music, drama and visual arts education for elementary schools.

Available Resources

- Virginia Tanner Creative Dance for Teachers' Professional Development Workshop taught by Children's Dance Theater at the University of Utah is your required methods course.
- Ririe Woodbury Dance Company, RDT Dance Company, Ballet West and Children's Dance Theatre all have performances for public schools and artist in residency programs. Contact them for details
- KINNECT- BYU student performing and lecture dem group will come to your school to perform assembly and teach dance to your students contact Marilyn Berrett for prices and scheduling.
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- Book List:
 - [Move! Learn! Dance A k-6 Dance Teaching Resource Guide](#) by CDT RW and RDT available through the
 - [Teaching the Three R's Through Movement](#) by Anne Green Gilbert
 - [Creative Dance for All Ages](#) NDA/AAHPERD